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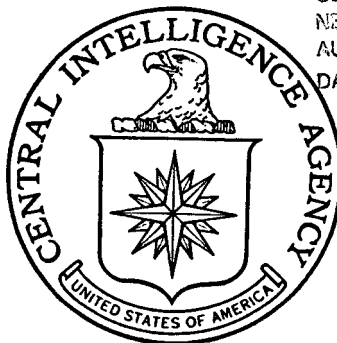
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## VERIFICATION OF RIGA INSTALLATIONS

The following is a list of installations located on the annotated map of Riga, with a brief statement concerning the identity of each based on an examination of photography of [REDACTED] The small scale of the 25X1D photography makes positive identification of these installations difficult, and some cannot be detected or verified. In general, however, the installations seem to be as described in the map legend.

1. Former sapper barracks with antiaircraft artillery located around them.

Comment: There are approximately five possible barracks-type buildings at this point which is isolated and has a military appearance. No antiaircraft artillery is present.

2. Army ordnance depot; a radar installation located here.

Comment: At this location there is a military installation consisting of approximately seven small buildings. Two large buildings are under construction. Across the highway, adjacent to point 5, there is a larger installation which may be associated.

3. Reportedly a military installation, either a direction-finding station or transmitter; two towers on a flat base located here.

Comment: This appears to be a small, isolated, probable military installation. The small scale of the photography makes it impossible to observe greater detail.

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4. Radio station, with three pairs of masts; the area enclosed by a wooden fence.

Comment: This site has the appearance and layout of a radio station, both in number and grouping of buildings. The small scale of the photography does not permit detection of the reported masts. However, the area appears to be surrounded by a fence.

5. Jamming station.

Comment: A group of three or four small buildings is located at this point. The building arrangement suggests a small radio or jamming station. No masts or antennas can be seen.

6. New airport terminal building.

Comment: This is definitely the location of the terminal building. The airport itself is comparatively new.

7. Civil flight school; possibly two such schools located in this area, between Kalnciema, Setas, and Meza Streets and Ranka dambis. Two radar installations located here.

Comment: A building located in this area may be used as a civil flight school. It is set apart from other building groups and has the appearance and size of a school building. Several smaller buildings at this site may be used as a radar station.

8. TV transmitter with mast 180 meters high.

Comment: There appears to be a very high antenna-like structure adjacent to a large multi-story building at this site. The height of the building cannot be determined, but it could house the TV transmitter reported.

9. Army radio transmitter.

Comment: This is definitely a military installation. From the size and grouping of buildings it may be assumed to include a transmitter or other electronic facility. There is a military camp located to the southeast.

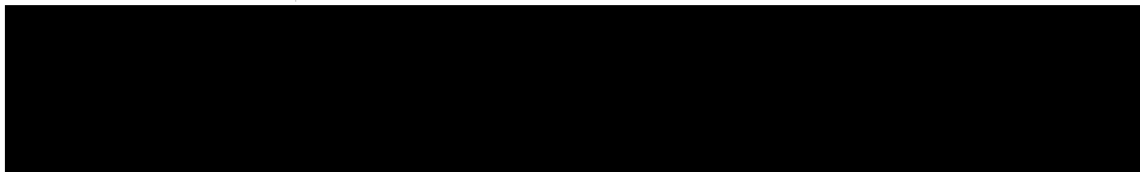
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10. Twelve AA guns.

Comment: There are no antiaircraft guns visible at point 10. However, there may be some located on the island to the north-east, at point 10A. Positive identification is not possible because of the small scale of the photography. Small antiaircraft guns might be present without being detected.



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12. Military radio transmitter, with metal towers 20 to 30 meters high.

Comment: An installation at this site definitely resembles a radio transmitter, and at least two masts or towers are visible. The site is separated from the surrounding built-up area.

13. New railroad bridge, carrying railroad to the REZ factory.

Comment: This bridge exists, and the direction of the rail line conforms approximately to that indicated on the map.

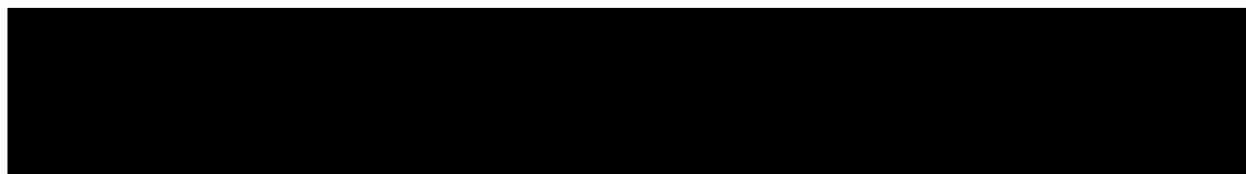
14. New railroad line.

Comment: This rail line exists and conforms approximately to the course shown on the map.

15. Steel railroad bridge.

Comment: There is a rail bridge at this point, but the type of construction and materials used cannot be determined from the available photography.

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17. Radio transmitting-jamming station, with two towers about 40 to 50 meters high.

Comment: The existence of such a station is difficult to verify because of the small scale of the photography. However, on the ground there are shadows which may be those of the towers mentioned. The buildings at this site appear to be under construction.

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18. New gasoline tank, with a volume equal to the combined volumes of all the other tanks in Riga; at the northern corner of the intersection of Sporta and Grostonas Streets.

Comment: No such tank in this area is evident.

19. Army radio transmitter, an underground installation.

Comment: This is the city high school. However, adjacent to the school there are several new structures which might house the transmitter. One of these structures appears to be flat on the ground, with stacks or towers at each of the four corners, and might be a roof for the reported installation.

20. Air Force training area, established between [REDACTED]

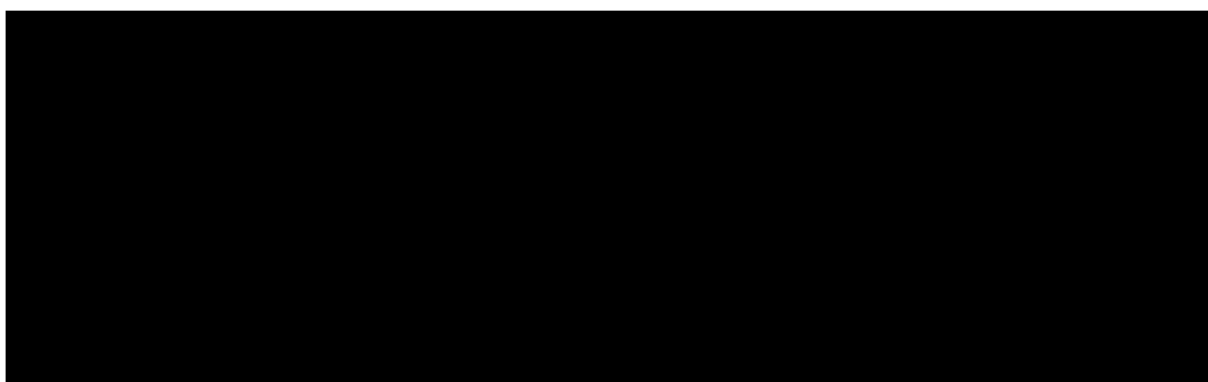
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[REDACTED] This installation could not be an airfield, but radars and aircraft observed here. The installation is located on the Riga-Moscow railroad line, between Pildas and Lubanas Streets.

Comments: The installation located at point 20 is definitely an air training area. Military aircraft and associated buildings are plainly visible on the photography, but there is no airfield at this site.

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22. Radio jamming station with two towers, located in the eastern part of the Finance Ministry building, which was built in the late 1930's.

Comment: At point 22, there is a building which appears like the one mentioned in the report. On the roof there is at least one tower-like structure, but it is not possible to confirm or deny the existence of a jamming station within.

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REQUIREMENT: Prepared in answer to DP/HTA/R7/57 requesting verification of the existence of the installations numbered on the accompanying map and listed on the legend. In the event an installation cannot be identified, any pertinent comments concerning its possible function are desired.

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REFERENCES:

ENCLOSURE:

Annotated map of Riga, Latvia, USSR.

COORDINATES: 56°58'N, 24°07'E

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